

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, KU, PINS, ET  
SUBJ: KUWAITI RELATIONS WITH ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELT)

1. KUWAIT PRESS (AL QABAS, JAN 5) CARRIES WHAT APPEARS TO BE A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ELF IN KUWAIT, WHICH ASSERTS THAT THE ELF IS CALLING ON VARIOUS ARAB MINISTERS OF INFORMATION TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE ETHIOPIAN TERRITORIES "LIBERATED" BY THE ELF IN ORDER THAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT THE ELF AND ITS ACTIVITIES. THE RELEASE ALSO NOTES THAT TEN WOUNDED ELF "REVOLUTIONARIES" ARRIVED RECENTLY IN KUWAIT TO RECEIVE TREATMENT IN KUWAITI HOSPITAL.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN KUWAITI POLICY FOR YEARS TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO THE ELF, NOT MUCH HAS BEEN HEARD FROM THE LOCAL OFFICE IN RECENT MONTHS AND THERE HAVE NOT BEEN HIGH-LEVEL ELF VISITORS FOR SOME TIME. THE PRACTICE OF OFFERING FREE HOSPITALIZATION FOR ELF WOUNDED

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IS ONE TANGIBLE, BUT NON-CONTROVERSIAL, WAY FOR KUWAITIS TO AID FELLOW MUSLIMS IN WHAT IS PORTRAYED HERE AS AN ISLAMIC LIBERATION STRUGGLE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MOST FUNDS GENERATED FOR THE ELF IN KUWAIT ARE EITHER CHANNELED THROUGH OR RAISED BY THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE JAMI'AT AL-ISLAH (ISLAMIC REFORM SOCIETY).

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